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Ohio Liquor Control Commission
Attn: Chair Ron O'Brien
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Re: Proposed Change to 4301:1-1-53

The Allied Clubs and Charities of Ohio (ACCO) supports the proposed change to Ohio Liquor Control Commission rule 4301:1-1-53 (E). This rule change will allow an organization that has a D-4 liquor permit to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption while it is conducting traditional bingo games. This rule change reflects the statutory changes to O.R.C. 4301.03 and 4303.17 which were enacted via the FY 2022-2023 State Operating Budget (HB 110 – 134th G.A.) last year.

As a way of background, this provision only impacts Veteran and Fraternal groups that maintain social quarters for members and have an event space where bingo is played. It is important to note that patrons of a Veteran or Fraternal club that possess a D-4 permit have always had the ability to purchase alcohol while playing Type III bingo (pull tabs), but could not carry that alcoholic beverage across the threshold into the social hall where Type I bingo (traditional bingo with paper) is being played.

As you know, consumption of alcohol is allowed during all other legal forms of gaming in Ohio, including at casinos, racinos, and Keno (the lottery). The proposed administrative rule simply strikes the language containing the prohibition (E), thus eliminating the archaic prohibition which was established well before any gaming statute was enacted.

Amending rule 53 will have a beneficial impact on the thousands of charitable organizations across Ohio. For this reason, we respectfully ask you to favorably consider this this simple yet important change.

It should also be noted that our organization greatly appreciates working with the Ohio Liquor Control Commission and its staff in developing this rule, and we remain available as a resource to you and your office if you should have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kevin McHenry
Secretary - Allied Clubs & Charities of Ohio (ACCO)